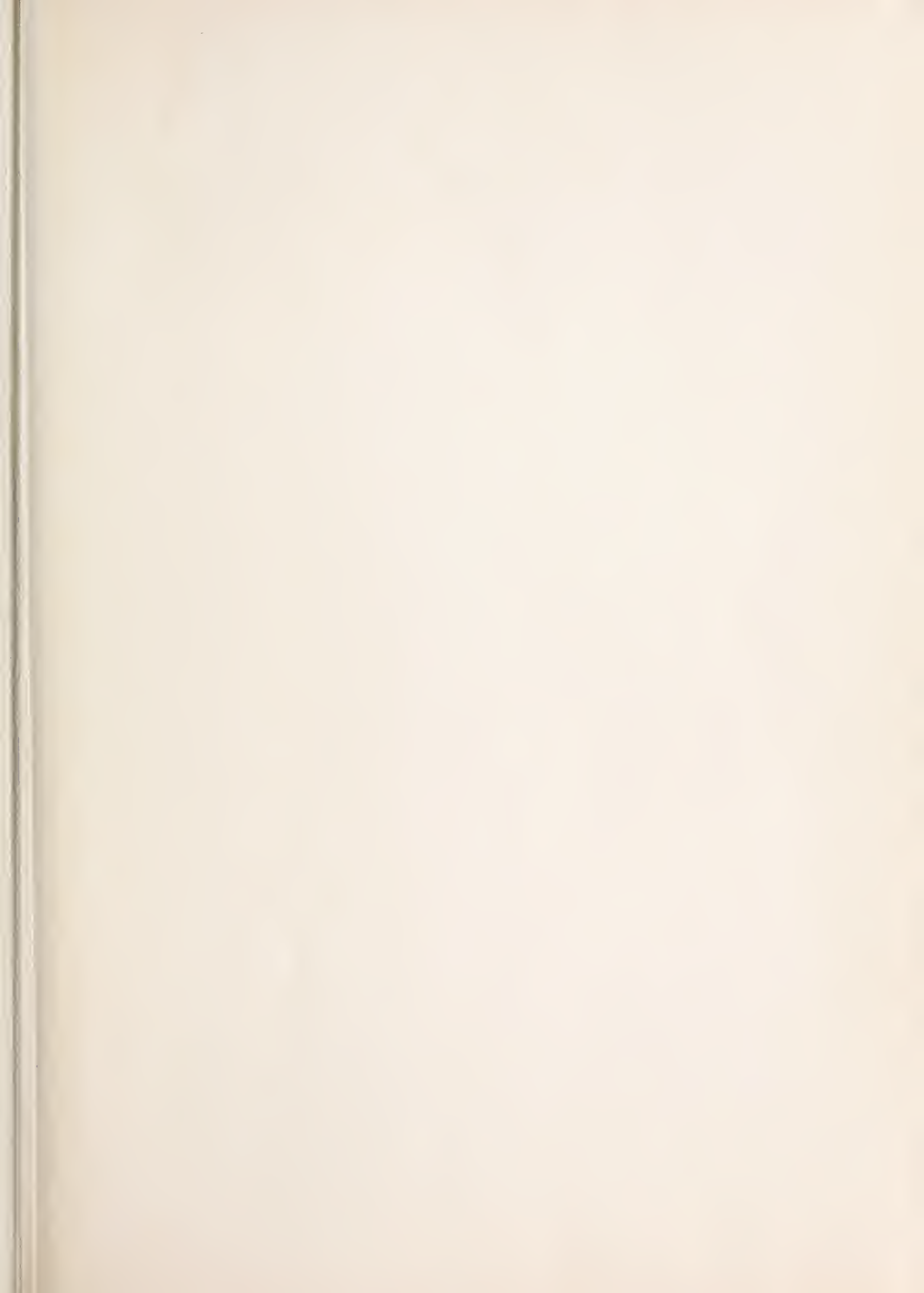




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LILIAN GEROW MCCOOK



FRANCIS GARY FOURNET

FOURNET, McCOOK, SAUCIER, AND TARLTON TO RETIRE

Four members of the faculty at Northwestern State College will retire at the end of the spring semester or the summer term after having served this institution for a combined total of 131 years. These four individuals have served the cause of education for an aggregate of 159 years or more than one and one-half centuries. This is rather a staggering total; however, there is most certainly no confusion of the mind of the reader by assigning such a great number of years to any one individual.

The four members retiring are Professors Francis Gary Fournet, Lilian Gerow McCook, Corrine L. Saucier, and Dewitt Talmadge Tarlton. Father Time and the retirement law are responsible for these retirements. Mrs. McCook has chosen to retire for her own personal reasons.

Professor F. G. Fournet, dean of the faculty in years of service to this college, came to the campus to begin work in the summer of 1913, arriving on the scene just a few months earlier than President "Coach" H. Lee Prather, who retired last year.

Mr. Fournet has served as teacher of Physics, Head of Physics Department, Head of Science Department, and after the biological and physical sciences were separated, Head of Physical Science Department.

During his early years on the

campus, he taught physics on the third floor of old Boyd Hall. Later the Physics Department was housed in the old training school building, now called old science building. For the past few years, he has been occupying the new Physics-Chemistry building, which was the realization of his dreams and hopes for many years.

Mr. Fournet and his department established the first courses in general science for elementary teachers in the state. Other college officials sent representatives to observe and study the work at N. S. C. before setting up similar courses in their own institutions.

Mr. Fournet has four daughters and one son, all of whom gradu-

ated at N. S. C. To his former students Mr. Fournet is an institution in himself. Never to be forgotten by them are some of his famed expressions and special appellations of students such as "You can't get something for nothing," "Think," "Flapper," "Drug Store Cowboys," and "War Department."

Mr. Fournet received his B. S. and M. S. Degrees at Louisiana State University and did further graduate work at University of Chicago and University of Texas. He did all his teaching at N. S. C. with the exception of one year at L. S. U. in 1912.

He is a member of American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association of Physics Teachers, Louisiana Academy of Sciences, and Phi Kappa Phi. He is past-president of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences, has served on State Committee on Certification for 10 years, and was on the Committee of studies and credits from 1919 to 1950. He served as registrar from 1919-1925.

Mr. Fournet has had the *Potpourri* dedicated to him on three different occasions.

When asked what he plans to do now that he is retiring, he replied: "Follow the instructions of the War Department."

The golden voice of Mrs. Lilian Gerow McCook has been heard on the N. S. C. Campus since she first became a member of the music faculty in 1921.

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DEWITT T. TARLTON



CORRINE L. SAUCIER



Mobley Elected President Of New Orleans Alumni

Frank J. Mobley, 431 Bony Street, New Orleans, was elected president of the New Orleans Alumni chapter at a meeting held on May 1. Elected to serve as vice-president was Lloyd W. Sigler, 534 Brockenbrough Street; and Miss Arden Cox, 646 Magellan Street, was elected as secretary-treasurer.

Members of the executive council elected were Mr. C. E. LaPrairie, Mrs. A. B. C. Cappel, and Charles E. Castaing.

The dinner meeting, held at Maylie's Restaurant, had 50 members present. President John S. Kyser talked to the group. He explained to them the development of the graduate school at Northwestern and the growth of the physical plant with projected plans for the future. He stressed the assistance the alumni could give their college in all phases of its development and growth.

During the business session, a discussion was held concerning the advisability of asking all alumni of the College to make voluntary contributions annually to build up the loan fund or for other worthy purposes. The proposition was endorsed by the New Orleans group and will be presented to the general meeting of the alumni at the homecoming in Natchitoches on Saturday, November 19.

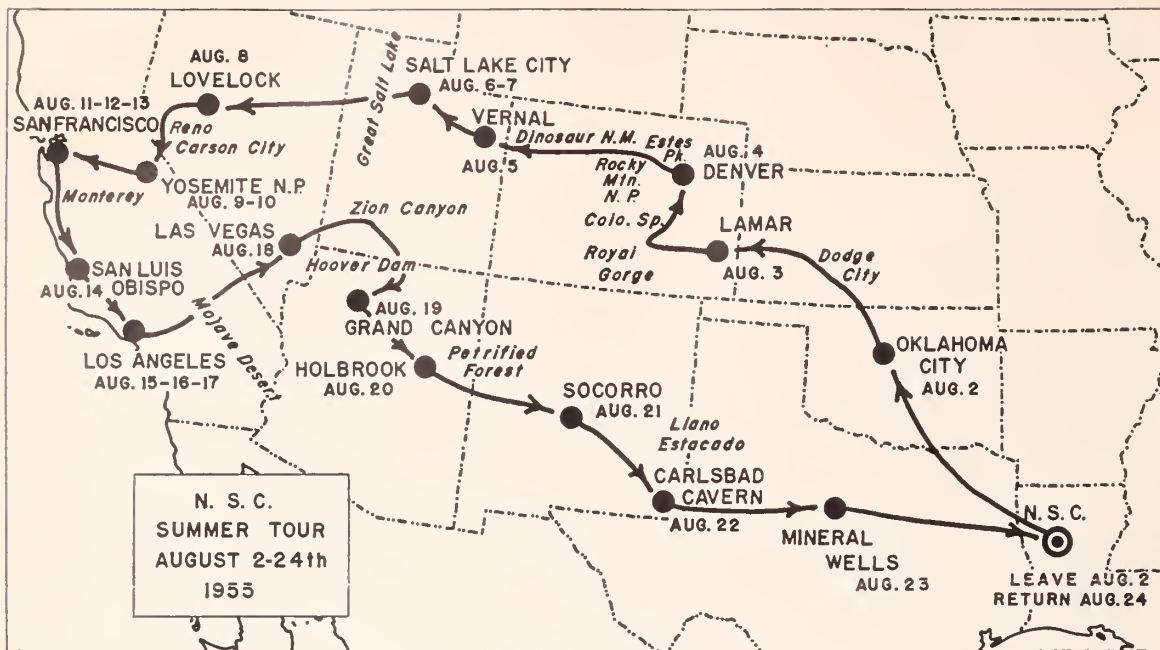
Amendment To Constitution Proposed

Retiring President of the Alumni Association, J. E. Pierson of Natchitoches, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association to be voted on at the fall homecoming, November 19:

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, exclusive of the officers, shall be increased from four to eight in number. These members of the Board of Directors shall be elected from different geographical areas of the state in order to better represent the entire alumni groups.

This proposed amendment was (Continued on Page 2)

ROUTE OF ANNUAL N. S. C. SUMMER TOUR



WESTERN TOUR SET FOR AUGUST

The Social Sciences Department, under the direction of Dr. Yvonne Phillips, acting head of the department, will make their annual summer tour on August 2-24. The tour, limited to 40 persons, will leave Natchitoches on the morning of August 2 at 7 o'clock.

The above map indicates the route to be followed with the dates of arrival and departure from each location. The tourists will return to Natchitoches on August 24.

Credit to the extent of three to six semester hours may be earned on the tour. These credits may be earned on either the undergraduate or the graduate level by those desiring to earn credit while making the trip.

The cost of the tour will be \$247. This includes cost of transportation, hotels, sightseeing and admissions, and insurance. The cost of food is not included in the above price.

Reservations have already been received from persons in Shreveport, Greenwood, Many, Homer, Minden, Franklin, and Des Allemands. Because of the limitation of 40 persons on the tour, interested individuals should write Dr. Yvonne Phillips, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, immediately for all details concerning the tour.

Amendment—

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Offered at the general meeting of the alumni at the business session following the annual luncheon on

Fournet, McCook, Retire—

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Mrs. McCook received her A. B. Degree at N. S. C., B. Mus. Degree at Ithaca College, and M. A. Degree at Cornell University. She has done special study at Chicago Musical College, Indiana University, Boston University, and Norfolk School of Yale University. She has studied under such eminent musicians as Helen Allen Hunt, Burt Rogers Lyon, Herbert Witherspoon, and Paul Althouse.

An interesting feature of her preparatory school work is the fact she studied Latin eight years and Greek four years.

In addition to her teaching at N. S. C., she taught voice at Boston, Massachusetts, at Ithaca, New York, and also French and English at Lisbon, New Hampshire.

Always willing to lend her talent to any occasion when requested, Mrs. McCook has given recitals in Boston, Ithaca, Jackson, and practically every city and major town in Louisiana.

Mrs. McCook is an Artist Member of Federated Music Clubs, member N. T. N. A., American Musicological Society, and past-president of Louisiana Delta Kappa Gamma, Louisiana Music Teachers Association, and past officer of National Association of

homecoming day, Nov. 13, 1954.

It is being published in this issue so that all members will be ready to vote on it at our next general meeting on Nov. 19, 1955.

Teachers of Singing. She is also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Dr. Corrine L. Saucier came to Northwestern State College in 1931 and has been teacher of French, Spanish, and English during her career on "The Hill."

A native of Marksville, Dr. Saucier attended the old Normal School. She received the B. S. and M. A. Degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers, Diploma from Sorbonne University, and the Ph. D. Degree from Laval University. She did other graduate work at Columbia University. Prior to coming to Northwestern, Miss Saucier taught at St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota.

While Dr. Saucier speaks both French and Spanish fluently, her teaching has been limited to English and Spanish for the past few years.

Dr. Saucier has been particularly interested in Louisiana French history, folk lore, and songs. Her Master's Thesis was entitled *Louisiana French Folk Tales and Songs With Linguistic Notes*. For her doctoral dissertation she wrote *Histoire et Traditions de la Paroisse des Avoyelles en Louisiana*.

Other books and articles published by Dr. Saucier are "History of Avoyelles Parish," *Pelican Publishing Company*, 1943; "Foreign Languages at the Old Normal School," *L. E. A. Journal*, May, 1950; "Teaching Spanish in the Elementary Grades," *L. E. A. Journal*, April, 1943; "A Summer in Bogota," *Modern Language Journal*, January, 1941; "My Summer in Bogota, Colombia," *Peabody Reflector*, August, 1940;

"Pioneer Teachers of Louisiana Delta Kappa Gamma Society Contributor of Biographies."

Twenty-five years of the Teaching of Spanish in Elementary Grades in Natchitoches, Louisiana is another contribution of Dr. Saucier, as yet unpublished.

She plans to continue her search and travel after her retirement.

Coming to the campus in 1919 Professor Dewitt Talmadge has been a member of the Social Science Department, and Professor of Economics and Political Science.

Mr. Tarlton received his B. Degree from West Texas State Teachers College and his M. Degree from University of Texas. He has done additional graduate work also at University of Texas and Louisiana State University.

Before coming to Northwestern State College, then the State Normal College, Mr. Tarlton taught eight years in the public schools of Texas.

He has two sons and one daughter, all of whom are graduates of N. S. C.

Mr. Tarlton is a member American Economics Association, Southwestern Social Science Association, Louisiana Education Association, and American Legion.

When asked what he plans to do after retirement, he replied, "Just take it easy. I plan to do some gardening—both flower and vegetable, and maybe get a little fishing."

MRS. PERLE DAVID



Mrs. Perle Deveraux David, Carondelet House Director, will retire at the end of the spring semester, after having served six years under six presidents and four deans of women.

Mrs. David came to the campus in 1939. She has served as

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Demons Favored To Win GSC Track Title

holder of the Gulf States Conference Track championship for the past two years, the Demons are favored to repeat on May 21 for their third successive title, based upon sea-son performance in track meets this spring. The GSC meet will take place on the Northwestern campus this year.

Coach Walter Ledet's track and field team have won every meet entered this spring where the competition was limited to conference schools.

In the Southwestern Relays at Fayette on April 16, the Demons took fourth place in competition against 15 colleges and universities. The meet was won by the University of Houston with 63 points, followed by Loyola with 41 and Louisiana State University with 38 points. The Demons scored 35 points and led such schools as Kansas State, SLI, Mississippi Southern, Victoria, Louisiana Tech, Northeast, Tulane, McNeese State, Southeastern, Lamar, and Stephen F. Austin.

Reliable point winners in performances this season are: Bice, Alan, and Murphy in the 100 and 220 yard dashes; Walker, and Smith in the 440 and 880 yard runs; Claybrook, Timm, Lerwood, and Lebo in the mile and two-mile runs. In the three day races—the 440 yard, the 880 yard, and the mile—the Demons have run first or second in every meet.

In the field events Coach Ledet depend upon Whitt and Bice in the broad jump; Duggan in the high jump; Chesson, Lofton, Farrell in the pole vault; and in the discus, if he is sufficiently recovered from a knee injury; Bankston in the shot put; Straughan and McConathy in the javelin.

Of those competing, Whitt holds the record in the broad jump, and Bankston in the shot put. Duggan exceeded the record in the high jump this year. The mile relay team also holds the conference record and have been undefeated in conference meets this season.

Strongest competitors for the crown this spring will be Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, and Southeastern Louisiana College, with other members of the conference furnishing standing individual performers. Records are expected to fall by the wayside as several new records should be established, par-

CHAMPION GYMNASTIC TEAM REPEATS AGAIN



Pictured above are members of the Northwestern State College Gymnastic Team as they gathered around the 74 medals and 20 trophies which they have won this year in continuing their performance as champions for the past two years of the Gulf AAU, Southwestern AAU, Mid-South Intercollegiate, and, for the sixth straight year, the Southern AAU.

Front row, left to right: Don Millen, Bossier City; John Tinnell, Minden; Joe D. Cornett, Waterproof; David Moody, Pleasant Hill; Fred J. Martinez, Baton Rouge; and Bill Pearson, Ringgold.

Standing, left to right: Coach John Piscopo; Bill Normand, Alexandria; Alan Lundgren, Chicago, Ill.; Karl Kammer, New Orleans (Manager); Kenneth Lee Terwey, Nederland, Texas (Assistant Manager); John Dickerson, Shreveport; Ray Champagne, Breax Bridge; and Barry L. Johnson, Shreveport.

Of the eleven gymnasts on this year's team, five are freshmen and four are sophomores. The other two members of the team comprise the only junior and senior students of the squad, thereby assuring Coach Piscopo of a trained group for 1956.

CHAMPS FOR SIX SUCCESSIVE YEARS

The Gymnastic team of Northwestern State College, under the tutelage of Coach John Piscopo, closed their 1955 season by winning their sixth straight Southern AAU championship at New Orleans on Saturday, April 23.

The Demon Gymnasts dominated the meet throughout as they produced the four top all-round scorers in the contest. Freshman Alan Lundgren of Chicago, Ill., won the all-round competition. He was followed by teammates Fred J. "Sonny" Martinez of Baton Rouge, Bill Normand of Alexandria (sophomores), and Barry Johnson (junior) of Shreveport.

The Demons have not lost a gymnastic meet during the last two years, and their last victory was the tenth in succession. During the 1955 season they have amassed a total of 74 medals and 20 trophies, and at the same time established themselves as 1955 Baton Rouge Junior Champions, 1955 Gulf AAU Senior Cham-

pions, 1955 Southwestern AAU Senior Champions, 1955 Mid-South Intercollegiate Champions, and 1955 Southern AAU Senior Champions.

Demon victims during the year included such teams as University of Texas, Texas A. & M., Louisiana State University, Kansas State College, and several YMCA teams and athletic clubs.

Coach Piscopo has developed a long list of gymnastic stars during his career at Northwestern and looks forward to a good year in 1956, as none of his reliable point-winners will graduate this year. All are expected to be on the team next year.

Baseball Team Has .500 Average

With sixteen games of the 1955 schedule completed, the Demon baseball team, under the direction of Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown, has a record of 8 wins and 8 losses. In conference play, with three games yet to be played, the Demons have a record of 3 wins against 6 losses, which means that all three remaining games must

be won to get a conference standing equal to the present season standing.

Against Barksdale Field, the Demons made it three straight by scores of 14-12, 11-1, and 10-2. The games with Centenary were split even, with each team taking two games. Scores (NSC listed first) were 4-3, 4-5, 4-6, and 9-6.

In conference games the Demons broke even with Southwestern, conference leaders, 2-11 and 15-8; lost two games to Southeastern by scores of 3-17 and 0-1, and two games to McNeese 1-2 and 0-7. The other conference teams have been played only one game each. The scores for these three games were Louisiana Tech 8-15, Northeast 3-2, and Louisiana College 4-3. The remaining games will be played this week (May 10, 13, and 14).

As we go to press the conference standings are as follows:

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SLI	8	2	.800
Southeastern	7	3	.700
Northeast	5	4	.556
La. Tech.	4	5	.444
Northwestern	3	6	.333
La. College	3	6	.333
McNeese	3	7	.300

ticularly since several conference records have been bettered at meets during the year.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

43 Cadets Go To Summer Camp

Forty-three Northwestern State College ROTC cadets have received summer assignments for training camp, it was announced here by Lt. Col. O. L. Greening, professor of military science and tactics at NSC. Of these, 11 will be assigned for training at Fort Hood, Texas, while two will go to Fort Bliss, near El Paso.

Scheduled to arrive at Fort Hood on July 18 are the following:

Raymond Bates, Baton Rouge; Delano Brister, Sieper; Lester Brosset, Derry; Jo D. Brown, Natchitoches; Lawrence Carnahan, Cloutierville; Linden Claybrook, Logansport; Carroll Converse, Alexandria; Alvin DeBlieux, Natchitoches; Wayne Dew, Natchitoches; Ted Duggan, Florien; Dewitt Duncan, Pineville.

James Enloe, Alexandria; Rudolph Fanta, Westlake; Thomas George, Bastrop; William James, Zimmerman; Charles Johnson, Alexandria; Robert Kinchen, Hammond; Aubrey King, Plain Dealing; Lloyd Knotts, Natchitoches; Jack McCain, Natchitoches; George McConathy, Bryceland; Bobby McDonald, Converse; Van C. McGraw, Derry; John McTyre, Natchitoches.

Wilburn Miller, Shreveport; James Montgomery, Provencal; Harry Moore, Goldonna; Charles Morrow, Pitkin; Charles Roge, Cloutierville; Thomas Rogers, Saline; Ted Simon, Natchitoches; Thomas Smith, Bastrop; Howard Stroud, Many; Robert Sylvest, Franklinton; Gerald Tilleux, Shreveport; Lawrence Whitt, St.

Petersburg, Florida; Johnny Wilkerson, Natchitoches; Robert Wilson, Alexandria; William Wood, Winnfield; Kenneth Woodle, Zwolle; and Troy Yarbrough, Coushatta.

Assigned to Fort Bliss are Waple Lilley, Natchitoches, and Gale Robinson, Hornbeck.

Mrs. David—

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director in all the women's dormitories but one and has twice been appointed acting dean of women. Miss Dean Varnado was dean of women at the time Mrs. David began her service here.

She plans to move into her home at 213 Normandy Street, San Antonio, Texas, to live with her daughter Mary. Besides Mary, who works for the FBI, Mrs. David has two other children, a son and daughter. Louis, her son, works in a supervisory department of Sperry Gyroscope Company. He is married and has two children. Julia Ann, her other daughter, is living with her husband, Crowell C. Eddy, in Washington, D. C. They will leave Washington for Singapore when he completes embassy school. He will be liaison officer to the British Embassy in Singapore.

Mrs. David stated, "I'm going to play at housekeeping, dig in the yard, do some sewing and handwork, catch up on Women's Auxiliary work—things I've been wanting to do all these years."

Mrs. David is pictured with a group of her girls (unidentified). When talking about her long period of service as a house director, Mrs. David said: "My compensa-

Cupid's Doings

Miss JACQUELYN O'RELL ROARK of Shreveport, B. S. in Nursing '51, and STAFFORD W. HARVILL of Newellton, B. S. '52, were married in Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, on April 27, with Dr. John J. Rasmussen officiating at the ceremony.

At present the groom is serving in the Air Force, stationed in Germany.

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Miss ELEANOR CLARK, former student from Bossier City and Edward H. Naremore of Haynesville, were wed in the home of the bride's parents at 101 Par Place Drive in Alexandria, with the Rev. Troy V. Wheeler officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Naremore are now at home at their residence on East Jordan Street, Shreveport.

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Miss TINA RHEA WRIGHT of Shreveport, ex '55, and Judso Eugene Angely of Shreveport also were married on April 10, in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The young couple will make their home at 103½ Boulevard in Shreveport.

tion for the years I have worked here is in seeing these fine girls and feeling that I have had some small influence in their training.

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Miss Marguerite Lynn Lampirez, a junior in the Baton Rouge Division of Northwestern School of Nursing, was elected President of the National Student Nurse Association at the National League for Nursing convention, held in St. Louis, Missouri, May 2-6, 1955.

Miss Lampirez is President of the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses, having been elected to that office in New Orleans in December, 1954.

One of the requirements for holding office in State or National Student Nurse Association is to maintain a minimum of "B" average in all work completed.

The newly elected National President came to Northwestern from her home at 2623 Boulevard, Lake Charles. She was accompanied to St. Louis by Dean Hilda Burnham and Instructor Louise Lang.

MIKE AND SUSAN JOHNSON



Mike Johnson, age 2½ (left), and Susan, age five months, are the handsome young children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. (Bobby) Johnson of 3640 Milton Street, Shreveport. Johnson received his B. S. Degree in 1950. The mother is the former Beth McGuffee, B. S. '52, of Harrisonburg.

Bobby Johnson was an outstanding athlete while a student at the College, and has continued his athletics, particularly in baseball, since graduation.

CAMILLE AND BETH ABINGTON



Camille Abington, age 1 year (left), and Beth Abington, age 2½, are the lovely young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Abington of Many.

Mr. Abington received his B. S. Degree in 1949 and Mrs. Abington received her A. B. Degree in 1950. The mother is the former Mary Louise "Mai" Levee.

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